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RE: **DOCKET NO. 413** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 723 Leetes Island Road, Branford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) held on March 29, 2012, the Council considered and approved the Development and Management (D&M) Plan submitted for this project on March 20, 2012.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan submitted on March 20, 2012. Any changes to the D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval.

Please be advised that deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u. Enclosed is a copy of the staff report on this D&M Plan, dated March 22, 2012.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Robert Stein *UR*
Chairman

RS/CDM/jbw

Enclosure: Staff Report, dated March 22, 2012

c: Parties and Intervenors

The Honorable Anthony "Unk" DaRos, First Selectman, Town of Branford
Laura Magaraci, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Branford
Ms. Diana Ross, Inland Wetland Enforcement Officer, Town of Branford

Docket 413
Branford – 723 Leetes Island Road
Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless
Development and Management Plan
Staff Report
March 22, 2012

On July 28, 2011, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Cellco Partnership (Verizon) for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 723 Leetes Island Road in Branford, Connecticut. In its decision, the Council specified that the approved tower shall be designed and constructed to look like an old-fashioned railroad water tank and shall not exceed 109 feet in overall height. As required in the Council's Decision and Order, Verizon submitted a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for this facility on March 20, 2012.

Verizon's site is located on a 19-acre parcel owned by James Medlyn, who uses it for agricultural purposes. Verizon's facility will be located in the southeasterly portion of the host property. Verizon's development and management plans indicate that it will develop a 57-foot by 57-foot compound within a 100-foot by 100-foot lease area. The compound would be enclosed by an eight-foot chain link fence and would include an L-shaped equipment shelter, which would house the ground equipment of the three carriers who will be using the tower: Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile. Verizon will install a diesel-fueled generator inside its portion of the equipment shelter for backup power.

As proposed in the application, Verizon's tower will be designed to look like an old-fashioned railroad water tank. Its overall height would be 109 feet above ground level. It will accommodate a total of three wireless carriers: AT&T at a centerline height of 100 feet, Verizon at a centerline height of 90 feet, and T-Mobile at a centerline height of 80 feet. Verizon's will install 15 antennas (five per sector) on a low profile platform inside its portion of the water tank tower. Calculations provided during the docket proceeding indicate that the antenna systems of the three carriers would comply with the FCC power density limits.

Vehicular access to the proposed facility will extend from Leetes Island Road over a 12-foot wide gravel access drive for a distance of approximately 375 feet. The access drive will follow an existing woods road/grass path for approximately 275 feet and then continue over a new drive for approximately an additional 100 feet. Utilities will be brought to facility underground from Leetes Island Road within the 20-foot wide easement for the access drive. No landscaping is proposed for the facility.

Verizon will install erosion and sedimentation controls consistent with the *2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control* around the area that will be disturbed during construction. They will be kept in place during the construction period.

The D&M plans as presented conform to the Council's Decision and Order and with the scope of the project described during this docket's proceedings.